

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A system for permitting a user to remotely access data, comprising:

a systems interface to a plurality of legacy systems, the systems interface comprising a first server for managing protocol and a second server for generating legacy transactions, and a firewall that protects the first server and the second server;

a computer operable by the user to access data from the legacy systems through the systems interface, wherein the computer is programmed with a client application for accessing the systems interface, and wherein the client application is adapted to format requests for information based on user input;

a voice input device coupled to the computer, wherein the computer is further programmed with a ~~voice~~ speech recognition application for receiving voice input from a user, and wherein the ~~voice~~ speech recognition application is adapted to convert the voice input into data recognized by the client application.

2. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the computer logs into the first server over a wireless communications network.

3. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the computer logs into the first server over a wireline communications network.

4. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the data recognized by the client application includes selection of an operation and information completing a data field for the operation.

5. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the client application is adapted to present a plurality of GUI pages to the user, and wherein the ~~voice speech~~ recognition application is adapted to convert the voice input to data based on a GUI page that is active.

6. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the ~~voice speech~~ recognition application is programmed with a plurality of vocabularies corresponding to a plurality of the GUI pages.

7. (Currently Amended) A system for permitting a user to remotely access data, comprising:

means for providing an interface to a plurality of legacy systems, wherein the means for providing an interface includes at least one firewall that protects the means for providing an interface from the legacy systems;

a computer operable by the user to retrieve data from the legacy systems by sending user requests to the means for providing an interface, wherein the computer includes a voice input device;

a communications link coupling the computer and the means for providing an interface; wherein the computer is programmed with client software for converting user input into user requests and ~~voice~~ speech recognition software for converting voice input into user input.

8. (Original) The system of claim 7, wherein the user input comprises the selection of an operation or the input of information into a data field for the operation.

9. (Original) The system of claim 7, wherein the user requests are processed by the means for providing an interface in order to generate legacy transactions.

10. (Original) The system of claim 7, wherein the means for providing an interface comprises a protocol server and a transaction server.

11. (Original) The system of claim 7, wherein the protocol server receives the user requests and forwards the user requests to the transaction server, and wherein the transaction server generates legacy transactions based on the user requests, receives the requested information based on the legacy transactions, and forwards the requested information to the protocol server.

12. (Currently Amended) A system for remotely accessing legacy data ~~through a systems interface to~~ from a plurality of legacy systems, comprising:

a voice input device;

a modem;

a systems interface in communication with the plurality of legacy systems, wherein the systems interface is protected from the legacy systems by a firewall; and

a computer, wherein the computer includes at least one memory programmed with software for performing the following:

receiving a request to input by voice;

activating a ~~voice~~ speech recognition module in response to the request;

converting voice inputs into a user request for information;

sending the user request for information to the systems interface; and

13. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 12, wherein the software comprises a client application for preparing the user request based on user inputs, and wherein the software further comprises a ~~voice~~ speech recognition application for converting the voice inputs into the user inputs.

14. (Original) The system of claim 12, wherein the user inputs comprises at least one of selecting an option and entering data for that option.

15. (Original) The system of claim 12, wherein the client application includes a graphical user interface (GUI) layer and a communications layer.

16. (Currently Amended) A method for allowing a user to access **data**, comprising:
logging onto a systems interface to legacy systems;
receiving voice inputs from the user;
converting the voice inputs to a user request;
sending the user request to the systems interface; and
receiving data from the systems interface in response to the user request.

17. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 16, further comprising the steps of:
receiving a request for input by voice; and
activating a voice speech recognition module in response to the request for input by voice.

18. (Original) The method of claim 16, wherein the step of converting the voice inputs to a user request comprises converting the voice inputs to user inputs and converting the user inputs into the user request.

19. (Original) The method of claim 18, wherein the user input comprises one of selecting an operation and providing information for an operation.

20. (Original) The method of claim 18, wherein the systems interface comprises a protocol server and a transaction server.